

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 1. (currently amended) A hearing aid ~~with~~ comprising a microphone system (1) and
2 a subsequent analog/digital converter (5), wherein the microphone system (1) is encapsulated
3 in an electromagnetic shielding case (3) forming a shielded microphone system unit, and
4 further wherein the analog/digital converter (5) is mounted on an ~~outside~~ outer surface of the
5 electromagnetic shielding case (3).

1 2. (currently amended) The hearing aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein the
2 analog/digital converter (5) is encapsulated in a converter shielding case (7a, 7b) and is
3 mounted to said outer surface via said converter shielding case which is set to the electrical
4 potential of the electromagnetic shielding case (3) of the microphone system.

1 3. (currently amended) The hearing aid as claimed in
2 claim 1, wherein the microphone system (1) and the analog/digital converter (5) are
3 detachable combined in a modular manner.

1 4. (canceled).

1 5. (Currently amended) The hearing aid as claimed in
2 claim 2, wherein the microphone system (1) and the analog/digital converter (5) are
3 detachable combined in modular manner.

1 6. (currently amended) The hearing aid as claimed in claim 1 ~~2~~, wherein said
2 analog/digital converter comprises first and second analog inputs (E_1 , E_2), said first analog
3 input (E_1) having a first input impedance (Z_1) and a first input gain (G_1), said second analog
4 input (E_2) having a second input impedance (Z_2) and a second input gain (G_2), and wherein
5 either at least one of said first and second input impedances (Z_1 , Z_2) and of said first and
6 second input gains are respectively different from one another ~~or said first and second input~~
7 ~~gains (G_1 , G_2) are different from one another.~~

7. (canceled).

1 8. (currently amended) A hearing aid comprising:
2 a microphone;
3 an electromagnetic shielding case for encapsulating said microphone; and
4 an analog/digital converter mounted on an ~~outside~~ outer surface of said
5 electromagnetic shielding case and
6 electromagnetically shielded from said microphone.

1 9. (previously presented) A hearing aid comprising:
2 a microphone;
3 an electromagnetic shielding case for encapsulating said microphone; and
4 an analog/digital converter mounted in such a manner that it is electromagnetically
5 shielded from said microphone.

1 10. (new) The hearing aid as claimed in claim 9, wherein said analog/digital
2 converter is fixed to a flexible sheet coated with a conducting path of the digital output of
3 said converter.

1 11. (Canceled).

1 12. (new) The hearing aid of claim 9, wherein an analog output of said microphone
2 system is led through said shielding case of said microphone system towards said flexible
3 sheet.

1 13. (new) A microphone system with a size for applying
2 in a hearing aid comprising:
3 a microphone system encapsulated in an electromagnetic shielding case; and
4 an analog/digital converter mounted on an outer surface of said electromagnetic
5 shielding case.

1 14. (new) The system of claim 13, wherein said analog/digital converter is mounted
2 on said outer surface via an electromagnetic shielding case of said analog/digital converter.

1 15. (new) The system of claim 13, wherein said analog/digital converter is fixed to a
2 flexible sheet having a conducting path connected to the digital output of said converter, said
3 sheet with said converter being encapsulated in an electromagnetic shielding case mounted to
4 said outer surface.

1 16. (new) The system of claim 13, further comprising an electrical connection from
2 an output of said microphone through said shielding case of said microphone to said flexible
3 sheet.

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